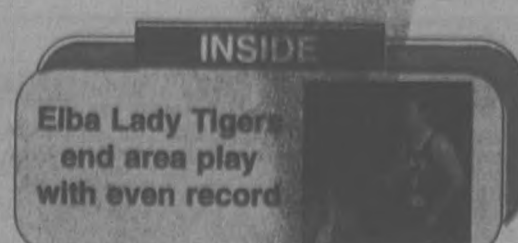


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In honor of Sgt. Jason D. Jordan

"Lest They Be Forgotten" monument dedicated at Elba's Veterans Memorial Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A large crowd of citizens weathered the cold temperatures last Friday morning, Jan. 28, to witness the dedication of a monument at the Veterans Memorial Park in Elba memorializing the life and death of native son Sergeant Jason D. Jordan.

"I want to thank all those who

came to honor Jason today," said keynote speaker Brigadier General E.J. Sinclair, Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center in Fort Rucker, Ala. "He is an American hero."

A 1997 graduate of Elba High School, Sgt. Jordan was killed July 20, 2003 in Tallifur, Iraq when his vehicle was ambushed

and struck by rocket-propelled grenades. He was 24-years-old. Also killed was Sergeant Justin Garvey.

Sgt. Jordan was assigned to the Screaming Eagles 101st Air Assault, Headquarters, 1-187 Infantry Battalion of Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Sinclair said no one can ever say thank you enough for the sacrifices made by Sgt. Jordan, as well as, the sacrifices made by his parents, Danny and Sandra Jordan. However, he pledged that Sgt. Jordan's sacrifice will never be forgotten, and the "Lest They Be Forgotten" memorial monument will serve as assurance.

"History will continue to tell his (Sgt. Jordan's) story for eternity," Sinclair said. "This monument will be here long after we've all gone to memorialize Jason."

He told everyone that Jason Jordan had served his country with courage and honor. He said he not only knew what he wanted to do...he acted.

"Jason served because he knew what was right," said Sinclair.

"When called to duty, he answered."

Sinclair also spoke of Sgt. Jordan's enormous ability to lead. He said he wasn't even while doing the right thing.

The "Lest They Be Forgotten" memorial monument dedicated last Friday in honor of



The Silver Wings Band from Fort Rucker participated in the dedication ceremony of the "Lest They Be Forgotten" memorial monument for Sgt. Jason D. Jordan. The band is shown performing The National Anthem while the crowd stands in attention for the presentation of colors.

supposed to be on that mission at the time of his death, but Sgt. Jordan chose to lead the mission because he always led from the front.

"Jason wouldn't want us to dwell on how he died," said Sinclair. "He would want us to remember what his life stood for."

He said Sgt. Jordan believed that American values are

worth living and fighting for, and he went to Iraq to serve his country with courage and honor while doing the right thing.

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Sgt. Jordan was the first to be dedicated in the United States. The monument serves as part of a movement created and established to help maintain home-

town memorials for those men and women lost defending the

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Danny and Sandra Jordan of Elba stand by the monument dedicated last Friday morning, Jan. 28, in honor of their son, Sgt. Jason D. Jordan. Sgt. Jordan was killed in action July 20, 2003 in Tallifur, Iraq. This "Lest They Be Forgotten" monument was the first to be dedicated in the United States. It is located at the Veterans Memorial Park, 661 East Davis Street, Elba. The park is owned and maintained by The National Security Group of Elba.

City of Elba begins \$4 million improvement project for airport

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The City of Elba is embarking on a massive \$4 million capital improvement plan at the Carl Folsom Airport. Notification of the first federal grant money was received by Elba Mayor James Grimes on Monday of this week.

The \$240,000 grant is to acquire land needed to bring the existing airport facility within federal safety guidelines.

The overall expansion and upgrade project is designed as a five year plan. The first phase (2005) is the land acquisition and obstruction removal. There are nine property owners who have some land that will be acquired in the expansion project. The FAA considers the mobile homes at the north end of the existing runway as obstructions because they endanger the lives of those in the trailers, as well as the fliers. This hazard must be removed for the FAA to fund any work at the airport, or even continue approving it for flights. The City of Elba has already purchased the Beaver Dam Mobile Home Park and is in the process of moving the mobile homes out of the area. Trees in the flight path, including the pecan trees in the trailer park, also will be removed in this phase.

Phase Two (2006) will be runway reconstruction, taxiway and turnaround construction and apron pavement.

Phase Three (2007) will be runway extension grading and new hangers while Phase Four (2008) will be new runway lighting.

The final phase of the project (2009) will be adding security fencing around the property.



Elba Mayor James Grimes looks at the improvement plans for the Carl Folsom Airport.

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Area Happenings

THE MISS ELBA PAGEANTS will be held Saturday, March 5, at the Elba High School auditorium. Age divisions include Future Little Miss Elba (ages 4-5), Little Miss Elba (first graders), Junior Miss Elba (7th-10th graders), and Miss Elba (ages 17-21). All participants must either attend school in Elba or hold a permanent Elba address. Anyone interested in participating in the Miss Elba Pageants should contact Destiny Hudson at 897-3619 to get the necessary paperwork and application. The Miss Elba Tea will be held Thursday, Feb. 3 (TODAY), at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. All participants are required to attend this Tea and must have all paperwork completed by this date.

THE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP OF THE 167th TRANSPORTATION COMPANY will meet Saturday, Feb. 5, at 12 Noon at the National Guard Unit on Hwy. 331 in Brundley. After lunch, a training workshop will be conducted by Sgt. Major Chance. All spouses of the group are asked to attend, in order to be better informed about their role as a military organization. For further information, contact: Shirley Culver - 393-7155; Patti Culver - 897-8216; Ann Grace - 495-3771; Bernice Culver - 897-2836; Linda Tillis - 897-3595; Flora Merritt - 566-5160.

ADULTS INTERESTED in forming a book club should come to the Elba Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

NOTICE

Coffee County Circuit Clerk James M. "Mickey" Counts said this week in light of a memorandum issued by Chief Justice Drayton Nabers Jr., that the office hours of the Coffee County Circuit Clerk's office, for public use, will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and closed from 12 Noon until 1 p.m. for lunch. He said the extra 30 minute period in the morning and afternoon will allow the staff of both the Elba and Enterprise offices to get case files ready for the day's court and also allow for documentation of the actions for that day.

Counts said he feels this will enhance the productivity of the clerk's office and will help to insure that justice is served.



FATHER/DAUGHTER COMPETE IN NEW YORK MARATHON...Mark Vaughan of Elba has run the New York Marathon several times. He has participated several times as an individual runner. He also ran once as a guide for a blind African runner and last November 7th partnered with his youngest daughter, Katie, in the 26 mile race which attracts thousands of runners and fans. It was Katie's first race of this magnitude and she finished with a respectable time of five hours and fifteen minutes. At the end of the race it was reportedly the typical reaction of "never again" from Katie Vaughan but after the soreness and pains have subsided any question of her future marathon plans draws a noncommittal response.

Elba business reopens trainee recruitment

Elba automotive supplier Toledo Molding and Die Inc. is seeking production operators.

To be considered for employment, candidates must complete AIDT training for the company that specializes in injection and blow molding plastic parts.

AIDT training applications are available at the plant at 375 Highway 203 (State Road 189) in Elba, and at the Alabama Career Centers in Andalusia, 312 West Gate Plaza, and in Enterprise, 2021 Boll Weevil Circle.

AIDT training programs are conducted at night to allow trainees to continue working at their current jobs. Training is provided at no cost to trainees and trainees are not paid by Toledo Molding and Die while enrolled. Employment with the company is not guaranteed for all trainees.

Recruiting information is available at the AIDT web site <www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.h

tml> and at Alabama Career Centers and their web site <es.dir.alabama.gov>.

AIDT, part of the state's two-year college system, develops and coordinates training programs for companies that create jobs in Alabama through start-up or expansion. Since 1971, AIDT has delivered job-specific training programs for more than 200,000 Alabamians employed by more than 3,500 organizations.

NEWS BRIEF

Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth said Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 1, that his department had solved numerous burglaries of recent including several auto thefts. At present time, he said warrants had been obtained and arrests were being made regarding the burglaries and auto thefts.



An overview of the airport project plans

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

We attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the Elba Economic Development folks: Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, plus representatives of the state highway department. The subject was the continuing delays on the four-laning of U. S. 84. Frankly the meeting didn't go well. As the meeting opened a schedule of the individual completion dates on the eleven segments from Enterprise to Andalusia was passed out. Earlier we had seen the schedule and was bothered that some bids were not to be let until 2007. Now the schedule has three paving segments set for November 2009! Two of those segments are right here in Elba, the other one is from Enterprise to New Brockton. The group was assured it probably wouldn't be that long, but our personal fears are that it will be even longer. While the communities involved would like the work done NOW, think about the bind this puts on those homeowners and businesses which are being adversely impacted by this continued delaying of positive action.

The latest we have heard on the closed Troy Highway is that it will reopen this week. However the rain has already delayed the work some and could postpone the reopening even longer. Either way it appears that this will soon be behind us. Anyone got any suggestions as to what should be the main thing to worry about now?

In spite of the negative happenings that make better conversation, there are many positive signs around Elba. Not the least is the low unemployment rate in Coffee County. Also the city is moving forward with a major \$4 million airport project; the all new, state-of-the-art animal diagnostic lab is nearing completion; Toledo Molding is advertising for more employees; talks are ongoing and promising on someone to purchase and reopen the Dorsey Trailer plant (a delegation of state and local officials flew West to meet with the CEO of a prospective buyer Monday); an additional water well and tank are in process of completion; major road improvements are scheduled for the Lower Curtis Road (a positive impact for the chip mill and ever expanding Kelley Foods); four-laning of US 84 will get completed one day, even if not as soon as most of us would like. The list goes on and on. It only needs the little pushes each of us can give occasionally for it all to come together with a resounding bang.

Grenades were recently thrown at Bangladesh's former finance minister, Shah AMS Kibria, as he spoke at a political rally. Now this is a FORMER official, not a sitting official! Many of us are expressing deep concerns over the bitterness of America's politics and justly so. We sometimes feel like choking Senator Teddy Kennedy when he doesn't support our troops! However most of our political activists are battling only with words and have not resorted to trying to kill everyone who doesn't agree with them completely. Or course it would be impossible to agree with everyone, as Americans have (and exercise) the great ability and the freedom to think for themselves and form our own individual opinions. Hopefully we will one day learn to accept the idea that it is all right for others to think differently from us. In fact they might occasionally be correct!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, investigated the following incidents: three for burglary, two for criminal mischief, one public intoxication, two for theft of property, one reckless endangerment, one failure to appear, two for disorderly conduct, one harassment, one domestic violence and one personal property damage.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication, two for failure to appear, one for contempt of court, two for disorderly conduct and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding, one for a switched tag and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 24 - River stage - 7.78 feet (7:01 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JAN. 25 - Accident (vehicle vs. deer) on E. Davis St. (12:48 a.m.); Report of shots fired in the area of W. Davis St. (8:34 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26 - Subject with gun reported at 429 Plant Ave. (2:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 827 County Rd. 427 (8:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 113 County Rd. 367 (4:17 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at a trailer across from Mulberry Park (5:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 27 - River stage - 7.58 feet (7:00 a.m.);

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Elba Lions Club members receive update on 911 services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Marvin McIlwain, an employee of the Coffee County Emergency Communications (911) board spoke to the Elba Lions Club at the Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, meeting.

McIlwain updated club members on progress made and future plans for the county's 911 program.

Although admitting to being a bit biased, McIlwain said he feels Coffee County is the best 911 system, as well as, the best road numbering in the State of Alabama.

In its most modern form, he said the county's 911 system simply gave residents a central number (911) to call if they needed help. He said when the call rang the dispatch center, the caller had to give his/her location to the dispatcher before emergency personnel could be dispatched.

McIlwain said the county upgraded to Enhanced 911 (E-911) a few years ago. This allowed dispatch centers to gain more information when someone called for help. He said E-911 required all residences in the county to be assigned a number address that was coincided with the telephone number for that address.

McIlwain said the residence address displayed on a dispatch screen along with the telephone number when someone dialed for help. This allowed emergency personnel know where the call was coming from even if the person calling was not able to provide the information.

McIlwain said Coffee County has two dispatch centers for E-911 - Elba and Enterprise, and each has a certain portion of the county which it covers.

By the end of this year, he said the county hopes to add another feature to E-911. He said a map display will be added which will use a dot on the map to show the dispatcher the exact location of the house in which the emergency call has been placed.

"Cell phones have changed the way we live," McIlwain said. "Communications have

changed drastically, but cell phones have created a problem for 911."

He said cell phones have made it difficult for emergency dispatchers to gain all the information needed at the time the call is placed, and often times a cell phone call may be routed to the wrong dispatch center which ultimately slows the response time. However, McIlwain said advances are being made to improve 911 use with cell phones.

By the end of this year, he said the county hopes to have technology in place to allow cell phone calls made from a cell phone with the GPS feature to be up-to-date with E-911 calls made from a hard line phone (home or business phones). If a

dispatcher has no way of calling the person, "Coffee County is right on the cutting edge," McIlwain said. "We're right up there with the best of them. We've got some technology that other counties in the state don't have yet. There are some that don't even have Enhanced 911 yet."

McIlwain stressed, however, that this service will only be for cell phones that have the GPS feature. He said cell phone customers should ask their service provider if their phone is equipped with this service.

He did warn, however, that prepaid cell phones continue to be a "thorn in the side" for 911. McIlwain said prepaid cell phone work in 911 circumstances as long as the caller can talk to the dispatcher, but if that call is disconnected, he said the



Marvin McIlwain (center) spoke to the Elba Lions Club members Tuesday, Jan. 11, regarding 911 communications. Pictured with McIlwain are Philip Curtis (left) and James Kelley (right).

South Alabama Electric Co-op sends help to repair damage from weekend winter storm

Work crews from South Alabama Electric Cooperative left Saturday morning for Tallapoosa River Electric Cooperative, located in Lafayette, AL, to assist them with power restoration after the winter weather left its mark on their system. Line crews from SAEC included: Terry Rodgers, David Sunday, Heath Bozeman, Billy Ray Lester, Jason Sipper, Regal Hamm, Jay Adair, and Blane Senn.

"Our system was spared from the damage that the northern cooperatives received this weekend," Max Davis, general manager of SAEC, said. "That's the great thing about the cooperative network. We are always willing to lend a helping hand when a neighbor is in trouble. We have been on the receiving side of that assistance in the past and I know what a difference it can make."

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs., 7 p.m. - Joe Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.indebtout.com.

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Court House 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m.-City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues., 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St.-Magie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues., 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month-7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon.-7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5638.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday of month, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday-7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• The book "The Gutenberg Revolution" is available for loan at the Elba Public Library.

Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageant set for Feb. 12

The 2005 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Elba High School at 6 p.m. The pageant is sponsored by the members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170.

There is an entry fee. The age divisions are: Baby Miss 0-11 months, Tiny Miss 1-2 years, Tot Miss 3-5 years, Little Miss 6-8 years, Mini Miss 9-11 years, Junior Miss 12-14, and Miss Tri-County 15-18 years.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division (minimum of five contestants required). Winners will receive a trophy, crown, banner, flowers, and \$100 savings bond. Alternates will receive a trophy and flowers. All contestants will receive a trophy.

Rhodes graduates from Air Force's Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Air Force Tech Sgt. Timothy K. Rhodes has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The six-week course is designed to train students in professional military education that prepares noncommissioned officers for positions of increased responsibility by broadening their leadership and supervisory skills, and expanding their perspective of the military profession to be better supervisors and mentors.

Training included instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, and the profession of arms which covers areas of study distinct to the military, oral, written, and speaking communication skills, and physical fitness training. The sergeants are trained to perform supervisory duties to learn behavior concepts, problem solving, and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization.

Rhodes, an automated information system security supervisor, is the son of Don K. and Merle B. Rhodes of Highway 134, Kinston, Ala.

The sergeant graduated in 1982 from Enterprise High School, Ala., and received an associate degree in 1988 from Enterprise State Junior College.



PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN... Robert Mote, a 1989 honor graduate of Enterprise High School, was promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Army in a recent ceremony held at Fort Bliss, Texas. Robert is the son of Bill and Jeannette Mote from Zion Chapel, Ala. Robert has completed his 15th year of service of the nation and is a two-time decorated veteran having served in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He holds a Master's degree in computer resources information management and is married to Christy (Hase) Mote from Carman, Illinois. They have three children: Kaitlyn (13), Billy (4), and Brandon (2). Robert was also selected above his peers to attend the Aviation Captains Career Course, which will be held at Fort Rucker, Ala. in May. Robert will serve as a battery commander for an Air Defense Artillery Battalion after attending school. He is pictured above with his wife, Christy.

Obituaries

HERMAN MILFORD MONEY

Mr. Herman Milford Money, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005 at

Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala. Funeral services were held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005 begin-

ning at 2 p.m. with Rev. James Adcock officiating. Burial followed in the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Peggy Ann Money, Dothan, Ala.; three sisters: Jean Parks, Brantley, Ala.; Mavis Parks, Elba; and Mary Walden, Lineville, Ala.; three brothers: Willard Money, Labelle, Fla.; Harold Money, Pascagoula, Miss.; Wilburn Money, Brooksville, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Money was preceded in death by his parents: Virgin Newton Money and Nell Smith Money; and two sisters, Lois Pascal, and Glen Neil Venable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,

After reading the article in the "Clipper" concerning the working hours of some of the county employees, I was very surprised to learn that not all of the commissioners (Mr. Brooks) voted for a 40-hour work week for all employees.

It's obvious what should be done, and no reason to have to "study" the situation. I think that if you only work for 35 hours per week you should only be paid for the 35 hours. I was glad that Mr. Dalrymple brought this practice to the attention of the tax payers of Coffee County. This is an abuse of the tax payers' money. There is no telling how much this has cost us.

I don't know how long this has been going on, but I am surely glad that it is over. Mr.

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Did He or Didn't He?

Johann Gutenberg invented the printing press. Didn't he?

Very little is known about the man credited with what some say is the most important invention of the second millennium. Before the printing press, books were only available to the very wealthy. Since each book was created

by hand, a single volume might require several years to complete. Working in monasteries, Roman Catholic monks usually copied the manuscripts, giving almost total control over the spread of knowledge to the Church.

Johann Gutenberg, the son of a successful merchant, was born between 1393 and 1403 in the German town of Mainz. Later in life, he played a comprehensive knowledge of Latin, which leads historians to believe that he attended school as a child. Whether or not he also attended university is unknown, but a student with the same name graduated from the nearby University of Erfurt in 1419.

For the most part, his activities as a young man remain a mystery. There is proof that he became a master goldsmith, giving him the metal working skills that he later used in his career as a printer. Gutenberg moved from Mainz to Strasbourg where he worked as a tutor in 1434, training a young man to become a goldsmith.

By 1448, he had returned to Mainz where he was making his living as a printer. On October 17, he borrowed 150 guilders from his cousin, and a further 800 from Johann Fust to fund the development of new printing technology.

By 1452, Gutenberg had made significant advances, but needed more money to continue. Fust, the businessman who had funded his work four years earlier, invested a further 800 guilders, allowing Gutenberg to create and print a Bible. In February 1454, Gutenberg used his new system to publish a forty-two-line Bible.

The revolutionary difference between Gutenberg's new method and traditional methods of printing was his creation of a system of movable type. By making individual metal letters and securing them to a page sized metal tray, a page of text could be created, much like individual letters are used in a Scrabble game. After making the required number of copies, a printer could remove and rearrange the letters to create the next page.

The reduced time and expense needed to print a book changed it from a luxury item to a consumer product. The new technology spread across Europe, and by the end of the fifteenth century, books had become widely available.

As with any good detective story, this one has a surprise ending. Nearly six hundred years later, two researchers have suggested that we might be honoring the wrong man. To find out more about Gutenberg, printing, and the recent detective work, take the Web Journey.

Take the Web Journey.

This resource is the online companion to a televised distance learning series developed by the BBC and England's Open University. It examines the way books were produced before Gutenberg, the process he developed, and the recent doubts about his contribution.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/7xpi8>

THE GUTENBERG BIBLE

What did Gutenberg invent?

The Gutenberg Bible, through Cooper Square Publishing.

Developed and published by the State and University Library of Lower Saxony in Germany, this resource is a comprehensive collection of primary source documentation about Johann Gutenberg and the Gutenberg Bible.

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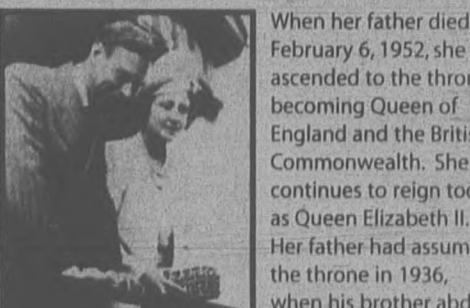
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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!



The King and Queen, 1539. Through the National Library of Canada.

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ALABAMA FAST FACT



Audrey Lucy and supporters, 1953. Through the Audrey Lucy Library of Congress

Master of Library Science degree on February 3, 1956. She had been admitted only after the issuance of a court order preventing the University from refusing to admit her based on race. Other students greeted her with taunts and demonstrations. After the third day, she was suspended. According to the university, it was for her safety and the safety of other students.

Find out the rest of the story at <http://tinyurl.com/3kkqw>

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CHURCH & OTHER NEWS

Elba Church of God to hold Bar-B-Que

The Elba Church of God will conduct a Bar-B-Que sale this Saturday, Feb. 5.

Bar-B-Que can be purchased by the plate and/or by the pound. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Call 897-2989 or 897-1593 to place an order.

Contest for amateur photographers offered—deadline for entry is April 1

If you have ever wanted to enter a photo contest, but just haven't mustered up the courage to do so, this is one contest that you can't let pass you by.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) wants your photos! AWF is holding its first Photography Contest this spring, and all amateur photographers are encouraged to participate.

Categories include nature mammals, birds, other wildlife (such as turtles, frogs, and butterflies), and native flora (such as wildflowers, grasses and trees). All wildlife species must be native to Alabama and all pictures must have been taken in Alabama.

Color slides, film and digital images are all eligible. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place and honorable mention in each category. Winners will be announced in the summer issue of the Alabama Wildlife magazine.

Official contest rules must be followed. Brochures and entry forms are available on AWF's website.

www.alabamawildlife.org or by calling the AWF at 1-800-822-9453 to request an official contest brochure. Deadline to enter is April 1, 2005. Don't delay; send in your photos today!

The Alabama Wildlife Federation, established by experiment in 1935, is the state's oldest and largest citizens' conservation organization. The mission of the AWF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group supported by membership dues and donations, is to promote conservation and wise use of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources as a basis for economic and social prosperity. To learn more about the AWF, including membership details, programs and projects, contact the AWF at 1-800-822-WILD or stop by online at www.alabamawildlife.org.

take a person from a parking lot. Sponsored by the Coffee County Board of Education and the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept., sessions will be held as follows, and all from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

Feb. 15 - Kinston School
Feb. 22 - New Brockton High School
Feb. 24 - Zion Chapel School
There is no charge to attend these sessions.

Free self-defense tips to be taught by Sgt. Byron Taylor

"Self-defense tips and strategies" seminars are scheduled in area communities during February. Sessions will be taught by Sgt. Byron Taylor of the Enterprise Police Department and will focus on ways ladies and teen girls can defend themselves in threatening situations. These include action to take if someone tries to kidnap a child or grandchild, carjack a vehicle, steal a purse,

"Spread The Love in Sunday School" Contest planned at El Bethel

During the month of February El Bethel Assembly of God will be having a "Spread the Love in Sunday School" visitor contest. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and you are welcome to

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Samson, Ala.	Pastor: Don Grantham
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.
ALBION BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
BASH BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor: Nathan Carroll	Pastor: Ron Stallard
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Pastor: Elsie Phillips-Cope	Pastor: Barry Caldwell
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Pastor: Barry Caldwell	Pastor: Allen Richards
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.	Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Tim Senn	Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Robert Davis	Pastor: Leland Martin
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
CHERRYBROOK METHODIST CHURCH	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Rev. Martin Barthe	Pastor: Leland Martin
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: E. H. Hill	Pastor: Leland Martin
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Mari Gray	Pastor: Leland Martin
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.	Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night (Youth) Rest... 6:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

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Reynard Rogers
Ed & Faye Manning
Chase Graham
Betty Williams
Mamie Williams
Rayfield Reynolds
The Long Family
Lovie Hooks

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ronnie Caldwell-February 1
Gregory Sowell, Jr.-February 1
Merle Daniels-February 2
Lula Cole-February 2
Verna L. Williams-February 2 (L.M.O.)
Nettie Ruth Lindsey-February 5 (L.M.O.)
Lucile L. Rideaux-February 7 (L.M.O.)
Meliza Walker-February 7 (L.M.O.)

GOSPEL SINGING

Heirline will be in concert

A Missions Convention planned at El Bethel Assembly of God

A Missions Convention is being held at El Bethel Assembly of God February 5th and 6th. On the 5th starting at 6 p.m. there will be an International Banquet with food being cooked by the church using recipes from various different countries. On the 6th at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Vernon Davis will be ministering. Rev. Davis is a retired missionary who spent 30 years reaching the lost in India. If you have any questions you may contact Rev. Michael Taylor at 894-2268.

Fourth to be in concert at Country Cathedral

Fourth will be in concert Sunday, February 20 at 5:00 p.m. at Country Cathedral Assembly of God in Opp. Country Cathedral is located in the heart of the South, just east of Opp. Everyone is invited to attend.

A love offering will be received. For more information call 334-693-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com

Third Annual Valentine's Banquet set for February 11 at Johns Chapel

The Third Annual Valentine's Banquet sponsored by the Steward and Youngs Business is set for Friday, February 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise. Tickets are available from Brenda Crawford at 347-0468 or John P. DuBoise at 347-1983.

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Cotton Patch Gospel Bluegrass musical coming to Troy

Bible stories with a southern drawl. That's what audiences will see when the Troy Arts Council presents Cotton Patch Gospel at Troy University's Claudia Crosby Theater Feb. 8.

Called by its creators, "the greatest story ever re-told," Cotton Patch Gospel is a moving, exuberant bluegrass musical that tells the story of the life of Jesus - but set in modern-day rural Georgia. It's produced by Springer Opera House, the official State Theatre of Georgia.

"People will enjoy it if they come," said Troy Arts Council President Don Crapps. "It's serious but funny and we need some fun in our lives."

The musical was adapted by Atlanta actor Tom Key from the Rev. Clarence Jordan's book The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew. A farmer, civil rights leader, Bible scholar and seminary professor, Jordan founded Koinonia Farm in the 1950s, an interracial farming community near Americus, Ga., which spawned numerous other ministries including Habitat for Humanity. With songs by the late Harry Chapin (who wrote Cats in the Hat), the musical ran off-Broadway in 1983 before setting off on a four-year U.S. tour and was the longest-running show in the history of Dallas, Texas.

"This show is a true Southern treasure," said Springer Artistic Director Paul R. Pierce. "This show captures so much of what the South is all about - not just the country-fried qualities but the personal values and humor, too. It also recognizes the South has urban qualities. Folks all over the South are loving this show."

Tickets for the Feb. 8 performance are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and may be purchased from the University's School of Music, WTBR Radio, Regions Bank and Troy Bank and Trust. For more information call 334-693-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com

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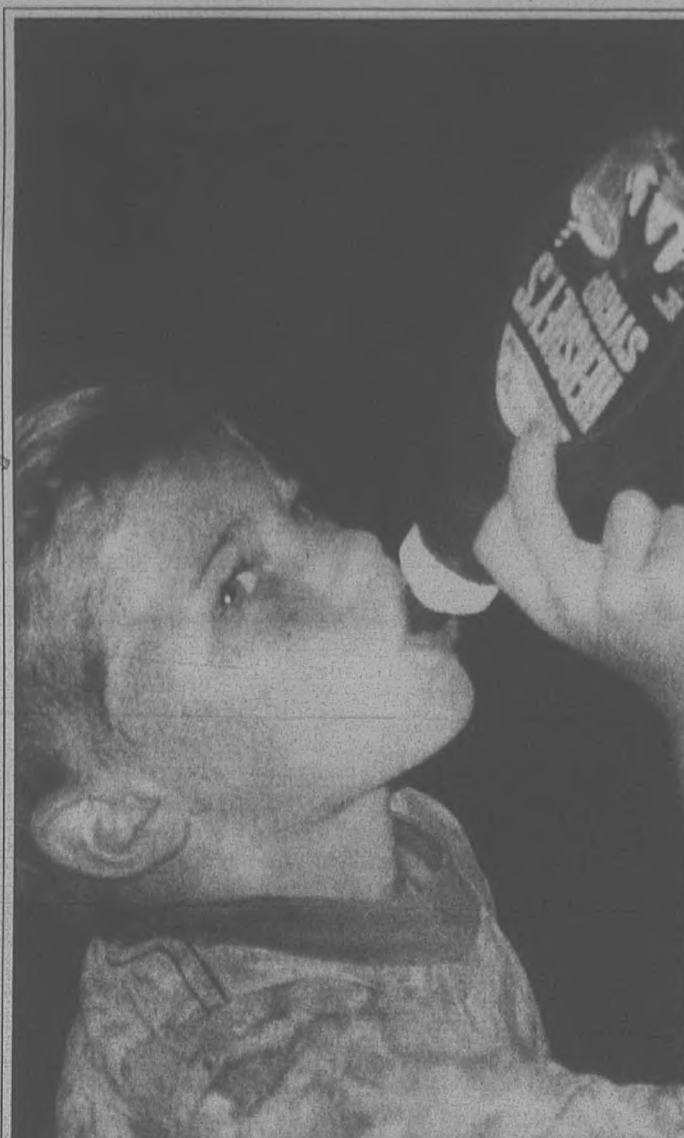
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Katie Cash)...So, I have no milk. Is that a problem?

EHS Student Spotlight

by Elizabeth Weeks

This week's Student Spotlight is Emily Driggers, a sophomore at EHS. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Pam and Kenny Driggers.

Emily describes herself as friendly, funny and hard working. As an active student, she is involved in several clubs and activities such as St. Beta, FBLA, Girl Scout Troop #300 and playing pit in marching band and bass clarinet in the concert band.

Her hobbies include playing guitar, singing, reading and writing. After high school, Emily plans on attending Troy University.

Pvt. Bobby Ordon graduates from basic combat training

Army Pvt. Bobby L. Ordon has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received

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Key Club opens door for leadership and service

by Kayla Kelley

Continuing from a rather small start last school year, the Elba High School Key Club is on its way to being of service to others.

Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others.

Elba High School welcomed this new addition to the many organizations already founded at EHS during the second semester of the previous school year. A new year has arrived, and the Key Club has many aspirations to meet the demands of service in the community and even worldwide.

To aid in the tsunami relief effort, the Key Club will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and a movie Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. All proceeds will go to assist in the restoration of countries affected by the tsunami. Tickets for the dinner will be \$7.

Student intern comes to EHS from Troy University

by Gale Olson

Elba High School's new intern, Coach Brandon Donaldson, comes to Elba High from Niceville, Fla.

Coach Donaldson, an intern for Coach Jete Wise's history classes, is a graduate of Niceville High School, where he was co-captain of the high school football team and was on the weight lifting team. "I was a member of the National Honor Society and played the tuba in band his freshman and sophomore year. He is currently attending Troy University."

When asked what made him decide to teach history he replied, "My eighth grade history teacher inspired me to become a history teacher. He always challenged me to aspire to reach my potential."

Coach Donaldson commented that he is impressed with the students at Elba High. He also stated that the students are one of the most well behaved groups that he has ever seen.

We are proud to have Coach Donaldson with us and hope he learns a lot toward his future career.

Elba Tiger basketball team keeps fighting for wins

by Duke Carr

Just when you thought that they were down and out, the Tigers roared.

After losing to Highland Home and a tough loss to Laverne, the Tigers seemed a lock for the fourth seed in the area tournament. Pride was low and expectations were even lower. Still the Tigers faced the adversity and managed to make their mark as a basketball powerhouse.

At the beginning of the season, expectations were overwhelming for the Tigers as they began what seemed to be a great year ahead. With a first place trophy in New Brockton's Thanksgiving Tournament, the Tigers looked to be destined for tremendous things.

Well, as many know, looks can be deceiving.

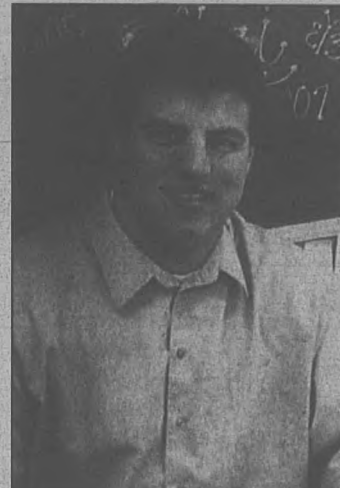
With the dismissal of two key players, many people lost hope in the Tigers. On some occasions, it seemed as if the Tigers had lost hope in themselves. Still the Tiger pride that is built inside these young players kept them fighting. In their hearts, they knew that they could win no matter what the odds were. Even when it seemed like people had given up on them, the Tigers continued to fight. That is the greatest win that these young men



2004-05 Key Club officers (from left to right): Anna Harrison, project chairperson; Cameron Irwin, secretary; Mallory Allen, president; Bradley Bane, vice president; Kayla Kelley, treasurer; and Christina Bryant, junior representative.

All Key Club members will be selling the tickets from Jan. 24 until Feb. 11. You may also reserve a place by contacting the Elba High School office at 897-2266.

The 2004-2005 Key Club is being led by seven very deserving students. The officers are: President, Mallory Allen; Vice-President, Bradley Bane; Secretary, Cameron Irwin; Treasurer, Kayla Kelley; Junior Representative, Christina Bryant; and Project Chairperson, Anna Harrison.



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EHS Varsity basketball team

could ever accomplish on or off the court.

When people lost faith in them, they had the courage to restore the faith back in themselves. They have given the fans a hope that they can still contend for the area championship.

Now with only a few weeks left in the regular season, the Tigers are turning it up a notch and turning up the intensity. With only nine players left on the roster, the Tigers will use their speed to their advantage. Behind the leadership of point guard, Mason Gullett, and the

The sponsor for the Key Club is Mr. Ricky Cardle.

The Elba High School Key Club is also being aided by their parent organization, Kiwanis International. The motto for both organizations, "Caring - Our Way Of Life," sums up what these associations do best, help others.

Did You Know?...

by Judson Vaughan

Over 5 billion crayons are produced every year.

The festival of love used to be celebrated on Feb. 15th, not the 14th.

There are birds that bark and do not sing.

One in every 10 people in the world lives on an island.

The Bank of America started as the Bank of Italy.

There are more than 2700 languages spoken in the world.

A person spends one hour and

six minutes a day traveling.

Half of the world's population has seen at least one James Bond movie.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Tori Brooks



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Trey Grantham. He is the 17-year-old son of Billy and Kathy Grantham.

Trey has worked at the Elba Recreation Department for three weeks on turf management. He participates in Vica and FFA at Elba High School.

In his spare time, Trey enjoys hanging out with his girlfriend, Brittany, listening to music and eating.

After high school Trey plans to attend college and see what happens after that.

Congratulations Trey, for being this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

New teacher leading Elba High FFA

by Judson Vaughan

Elba High School has welcomed a new FFA teacher to the staff.

Mr. Joe Waldorff has been given the job of vocational teacher, and has the responsibility of teaching turf and grass management, animal science, and agriculture classes.

Mr. Waldorff is also a Baptist preacher.

He previously worked on a tugboat and a shrimp boat; he was also employed as a construction worker and wildlife officer.

He enjoys fishing, farming, boating, hunting, and horses. He has been married for 33 years to his lovely wife, Judy, and has one son, Joe Junior.

Joe Waldorff

He enjoys teaching at Elba High School and considers this opportunity a blessing from God. He feels that the doors are always open in this community.

Mr. Waldorff is a great addition to the already wonderful staff here at Elba High School.

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SCHOOLS

Third grade gets \$500.00

ALTRUSA, a local community service club, held a "5-Mile Walk for Literacy" to raise money for projects at Zion Chapel School.

The third grade under the leadership of Ms. Betty McIntosh, Ms. Beverly McCall, and Ms. Kristy Jones was the group to raise the most money. Their contribution to the project was \$500 raised by getting pledges per mile walked by the participants.

For raising the most money, the third grade was awarded \$500 to be spent on grade level projects and materials.

ALTRUSA plans to make improvements in Zion Chapel's auditorium as well as other school projects with the money that was raised from this project.

ZC conducts spelling bee

Zion Chapel had a Spelling Bee on January 14 and some winners were declared by Ms. Vickie Jones, Coffee County Gifted Instructor.

After eliminations were conducted in the fourth through eighth grade homerooms, two representatives from each participated in the school contest.

Kayla Hurd won first place in the 4th-6th Grade Division. Elban Blake Walden took second. In the 7th-8th Grade Mount won first place and Andrea Fuller won second.

The county level spelling bee is to be held during February at the Coffee County Board of Education Central Office.

The first place winner from the county level will compete at the state contest. This contest will take place during spring break.



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Bill Oberst speaks to English classes

Speaking to students about the importance of communication and the English language was the focus of a presentation by Bill Oberst.

Mr. Oberst, who was brought to Coffee County by the Coffee County Arts Alliance, has been featured on South Carolina Educational Television and Guideposts and Life magazines.

To get his message across Mr. Oberst uses portrayals of famous people. These famous people include Lewis Grizzard, Mark Twain, John F. Kennedy, and Abraham Lincoln.

For Zion Chapel English classes Mr. Oberst used one other famous person, Jesus of Nazareth. He used the Lord's

Prayer and several parables including "turn the other cheek" to get his message across to the young students who were his audience.

Mr. Oberst speaks Aramaic, the native language of Jesus of Nazareth.

The presentation lasted for two periods and the students and teachers who heard and saw the presentation were anything but bored by the subject matter.

Mr. Oberst is an actor and mimic whose specialty is bringing historical figures to life in their own words.

The Arts Alliance was aided by a grant from the Alabama Council on the Arts in bringing Mr. Oberst to the local area.

NEW LOCKS... John Wayne Lambert, freshman, unlocks to new lock on his locker to get his books for his next class. The new locks are built-in combination locks and are an upgrade from the detachable locks that were being used. These built-in locks eliminate several problems that occurred while having detachable locks. For instance, a student leaves his lock unlocked and someone comes along and moves it to another locker. It is a real problem to find the proper place for a lock.

So far there have been no major problems with the new locks. One lock was installed wrong and

another was faulty. Another problem is that if pressure is applied from inside, the lock won't unlock without some trouble. This problem is beginning to be solved by the students themselves—they are learning to keep the books in their locker straight. They are learning that books cannot be crammed into their lockers in an unorganized manner. The result—neater lockers for all!

Students recognized as Bryant-Jordan award winners

Josh Smith has been named the Class A, Region 2 Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete for 2005. Jamie Wise is Zion Chapel's Bryant-Jordan Achievement Award Winner.

Josh is the son of Alan and Lisa Smith. He has a brother, Austin, and a sister, Clara.

He is a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Beta Club, and FFA. He has played football and this year he plays basketball and baseball.

Josh is a senior and plans to attend college but he is not yet sure where he wants to go. He wants to get a degree in secondary education.

He would like to teach math. Jamie is the son of Jeff Wise and Jan Bartlett. He has one younger brother, Hunter.

Jamie plays football, basketball, and baseball. He is a member of Future Business Leaders of America and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.

Jamie is a senior and plans to attend college at Auburn University. He wants to study software engineering.

The Scholar-Athlete Award Program was developed by the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in conjunction with the Alabama High School Athletic Association to recognize high school seniors

who have achieved a high level of excellence not only athletically but academically as well.

A Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete must be a high school senior, a superior athlete, and a superior student. Grade-point average, class standing, and college entrance test scores are the criteria considered when determining scholarship standing.

A recipient must have achieved athletic honors in the sport or sports he or she plays or has played.

Other areas of consideration when choosing a scholar athlete are student leadership, and civic and church leadership.

Exchange students come to Zion Chapel

Alegria Gabriela Ramos Arredondo is a 16-year-old junior from Parral Chihuahua, Mexico, who likes to swim, cook and is interested in the history of different countries and cultures.

Alegria is visiting the U.S. for one semester and her host family is Jody and George Millette. Her parents are Eduardo Ramos Corral.

Alegria's high school is named Instituto Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra and she said it is smaller than Zion Chapel. They have only one building with two floors. Students wear uniforms and the teachers, rather than the students, change classes.

When asked about what he did in his hometown for fun, he said, "Go to parties, go to dances, go to parties, drive around the city, go to a friend's house and spend the afternoon." She has one brother, Gabriel, age 2, and one sister, Karol, age 14.

David Arturo Gutierrez Palacios is from Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico and is 18-years-old and a senior. He has one older brother, Raul, age 22, and one younger brother, Jacobo, age 16. His parents are Maria Leopoldo Villalva. The host fam-

ily he is visiting is Mickey and Amanda Goodwin.

The high school he attended in his hometown is named C.C. Arturo Soria. It is a private school located in the city. In addition to other buildings, his school has two gymnasiums, a science building and a theater. It also has two basketball courts. Sergio said, "We have a great library, too."

Sergio came to ZC at the beginning of the year and will stay until school is out in June.

He said people in Madrid go to the cinema, go bowling, or go to a discotheque. Friends like to get together in private homes.

Like most teenagers, he likes music and to go out with his friends. He also likes to draw and read. And he does like to go to the movies.

Sergio Soria Villalva is from Madrid, Spain, and is in the 12th grade. He is 17-years-old and has two younger brothers, Fabian, 16, and Hector, 13. His mother is Fabiola Villalva and his father is Leopoldo Villalva. The host fam-



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Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While it is true we may have three outdoor cats, at times it seems like we operate a homeless shelter for all the other cats in the neighborhood as they all know exactly where we feed our cats and late at night come over and help themselves to a free meal. I try to feed our cats early in the morning to make certain they get the chance to eat, because every morning when I head out their bowl is licked clean. During the winter we have also become a popular stop for an opossum that checks out the bowl as he heads out each night for his rounds. I buy the cheapest cat food the dollar store sells and can't really complain, but ten pounds of food a week does seem like a lot for our three cats.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers covered the cycle last week for their fans as they played their most exciting game of the season on Tuesday night in an overtime win over Highland Home and then on Friday night played perhaps their worst game in years in a loss to Goshen. The Tigers battled from a 15-point deficit to get past Highland Home in a key area match-up that gave Elba the #3 seed in the area tournament and a spot away from Luverne, while Friday night the Tigers simply went through the motions and looked like a team that thought it would win just because it had in the past. It seems like every time I think the Tigers have turned the corner they play bad, and every time I write them off they rally and pull off a couple of wins. I just hope the Tigers figure out what it takes to win very soon, since the area tournament starts next week.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers battled highly-ranked Highland Home on even terms last week and then closed out the week with a win over Goshen and should have confidence heading into the final games of the regular season and the area tournament. The Lady Tigers fought back from a 12-point deficit to pull within two points late in their loss to Highland Home and showed the Lady Squadron they would not back away from a challenge, and on Friday night they played without Coach Leroy Carney, who missed the game due to the death of his father. While the Lady Tigers' 11-9 record isn't going to get them a spot in the state rankings, these girls do have the desire to win and showed last week they will play hard, no matter the competition.

*** The area tournaments are less than a week away and for the first time in years all three county schools appear to have solid shots at making some noise at the post-season party. The Kinston Bulldogs (7-12), New Brockton Gamecocks (8-14) and Zion Chapel Rebels (9-11) have all won some big games during the season and will enter the area tournaments looking to advance, while on the girls side the Lady Bulldogs (5-14), Lady Gamecocks (10-13) and Lady Rebels (5-15) have also posted some big wins and will enter the area tournaments expecting to post some wins and keep their seasons alive. The county teams have struggled in recent years, and while it is true they don't have spectacular records, all the teams have made huge strides forward and have given their fans plenty to cheer about.

*** Coaching vacancies are beginning to grab some interest in the area and as of last week there were still openings for head football coaches at Dale County, Abbeville, Goshen and Arion. The openings create interest from the fans who sit and wonder who might get the jobs at certain schools, and except for Abbeville all the openings are at schools that have winning traditions. I'll keep you informed as I hear more about what is going on.

*** In closing... the Atlanta Braves have been hitting the bargain basement sales after the holidays and recently found what they hope are two bargains in outfielders Brian Jordan and Raul Mondesi. The Braves got the two outfielders, both of which are penciled in as starters, for the price of a combined \$1.6 million for the season. That is a bargain at today's prices, but Jordan is 38 and has not played in more than 66 games in either of the last two seasons due to a knee injury, while Mondesi is 34 and had his contract voided by both the Pirates and the Angels for off the field actions. My Dad told me a long time ago that you always get what you pay for, and if that is still true the Braves may not have all that much in these two players.

Area teams move into Top 10 in state high school rankings

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school basketball rankings and included among the "Top 10" in the various classifications are a number of area teams.

In the "Boys" division the Florida Wildcats are ranked third in Class 1A, followed by Brantley in fourth and J.F. Shields in ninth. Red Level is ranked sixth in the Class 2A poll, while in Class 3A Central of Hayneville sits atop the poll with a #1 ranking. Ashford sits at the #2 spot in Class 4A, while in Class 6A Carver of Montgomery is ranked sixth and Jeff Davis follows at seventh.

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Rally from 15-point deficit

Tigers outscore Highland Home 73-70 in o.t.

The Elba Tigers and Highland Home Flying Squadron battled last Tuesday night in a key area contest in Elba that saw both teams blow big leads before the Tigers finally pulled ahead in overtime and held on to claim a wild 73-70 win.

The win upped Elba's record to 12-8 and gave the Tigers a final area record of 2-4, while Highland Home slipped to 10-11 with the loss and fell to 3-2 in area play.

The game was tied at 22 early after a basket by Elba's Shawn Abbott, but Highland Home took command midway through the opening quarter and went on a 12-0 run to grab a 21-6 lead with 2:38 left in the stanza. A driving lay-up by LaRay Williams snapped the big Flying Squadron rally. However, Highland Home never lost command and by the end of the quarter owned a big 28-13 advantage.

Mason Gulley scored seven points over a one minute span early in the second quarter to spark an 11-2 Tiger rally that enabled Elba to pull within 31-25 with 5:25 remaining in the quarter, and the Tigers matched the Squadron bucket for bucket for the rest of the half and went in at intermission trailing 33-30.

LaRay Williams and Reymar Rogers began to score from inside in the Highland Home defense early in the third quarter and helped the Tigers chop the Flying Squadron's lead to 38-36 with 6:05 left in the quarter.

Four free-throws by Shawn Abbott over a one minute span put the Tigers on top 40-38 with 4:28 remaining in the stanza and baskets by LaRay Williams and Duke Carr helped the Tigers take charge as they opened up a 48-40 lead with :39 remaining on the clock.

Elba Tigers ripped by Eagles 57-43

The Elba Tigers fell behind midway through the opening stanza and never recovered Friday night in a 57-43 loss to the Goshen Eagles, in Goshen.

Elba pulled ahead 4-3 midway through the first quarter on baskets by Mason Gulley and Reymar Rogers and appeared ready to take the fight to the home standing Eagles, but had more turnovers than points over the final five minutes of the quarter and entered the second quarter trailing 7-6.

Goshen began to warm up from behind the arc early in the second quarter and used a 7-0 run to open up a 14-6 lead with 6:26 remaining in the quarter. Duke Carr and Mason Gulley sparked a 7-2 Tiger run midway through the stanza that pulled the Tigers within 16-13 with 2:59 left in the half. However, Elba managed only two free-throws the remainder of the half and at intermission the Tigers went in on the short end of a 23-15 score.

Reymar Rogers scored early in the third quarter to pull Elba within 23-17, but Goshen answered the basket with a 10-0 run and opened up a big 33-17 advantage with 4:43 left in the stanza. LaRay Williams scored the game's next seven points to help the Tigers close the deficit to 33-24 with 2:40 remaining in the quarter, but the Eagles never lost their control of the contest and carried a 40-25 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Tigers opened the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run and pulled within 40-32 with 4:31 left in the game on a three-pointer by Mason Gulley. Gulley's second three-pointer of the quarter and a steal and lay-up by Duke Carr helped Elba cut the Eagle lead to 43-37 with 4:00 still left on the clock. However, Goshen answered the Elba rally with a 7-0 run to move ahead 49-37 with 2:18 remaining and then took advantage of countless Tiger turnovers to close the game on a 14-3 run to claim the 57-43 win.

Goshen (57): McCollough 6, Foster 21, McLeod 16, Cogburn 9, Pelton 4, Matthews 2. Elba (43): Carr 7, Gulley 15, Williams 9, Rogers 8, Burks 3.



Elba's Mason Gulley (in black) dribbles upcourt in action last week against the Goshen Eagles. Gulley scored 15 points in the loss to the Eagles, but led the Tigers with 20 points in their exciting overtime win over Highland Home.

Two free-throws by Duke Carr with 7:29 remaining in the fourth quarter gave the Tigers a 52-43 lead and it appeared Elba was in command. However, Highland Home refused to throw in the towel and battled back to cut the Elba lead to 55-54 with 4:11 still left in the stanza. The Flying Squadron capped its wild fourth quarter comeback and jumped back ahead 57-55 with 3:40 remaining, only to see the Tigers turned the ball over on two straight trips down the court and the Squadron rallied to cut the lead to 73-70 with :42 remaining. Highland Home got off four three-point shots in the final 12-seconds in an attempt to catch the Tigers, but failed to

connect from behind the arc and Elba survived to post the wild 73-70 win. Mason Gulley scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Duke Carr added 13. LaRay Williams 12, Reymar Rogers 12 and Shawn Abbott 11. Tony Merriweather scored 29 points to lead Highland Home.

EL 13 17 18 14 11 - 73
HH 28 7 8 19 8 - 70

Elba (73): Gulley 20, Williams 12, Rogers 12, Carr 13, Abbott 11, Burks 2. H. Home (70): Dulaney 12, Nichols 4, Bryant 4, Beasley 5, Sankey 14, Merriweather 29, Harris 3.



Elba JV Tiger Jimmy Morris looks to pass inside as teammates Martin McCormick (45) and Antwon Tillis (34) work to get open. The Tiger JV claimed two wins last week to up their record to 6-8 on the season.

JV Tigers end losing streak with two wins

The Elba Tiger junior varsity snapped a long losing streak last week and posted two exciting wins to improve their record to 6-8 on the season.

Following are highlights of the two wins:

ELBA 50
H. HOME 49

The Elba Tiger junior varsity trailed eight points down in the final minute of the fourth quarter and then saw Jimmy Morris drain a 15-foot jumper as the Tigers posted a wild 50-49 win, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba. Elba fell behind early and trailed 33-29 heading into the final stanza, but rallied late to send the game into overtime and then pulled out the win on the last-second shot by Morris.

Eric Butts scored 19 points and Antwon Tillis added 14 to lead Elba, while Carrell Bryant led Highland Home with 12 points.

Elba (50): Willis 3, Morris 10, Nelson 2, Tillis 14, Butts 19, McCormick 2. H. Home (49): Harrelson 40, Montgomery 6, Thomas 2, Bryant 12, Merriweather 10.

Robinson 9. ELBA 40
GOSHEN 29

The Elba Tiger junior varsity used a big third quarter to take command and never looked back in a 40-29 win over the Goshen Eagles, Friday night in Goshen.

The Tigers fell behind early and trailed 14-13 heading into the second half, but outscored the Eagles 17-4 in the third quarter to pull out to a 30-18 advantage and easily held on to claim the big 40-29 road win. Antwon Tillis scored 11 points and Eric Butts added 10 to lead Elba, while Logan led Goshen with 10 points.

Elba (40): Harrelson 1, Martin 4, Reynolds 2, Morris 7.

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Youth basketball season continues for boys and girls in Elba Jr.NBA/Jr. WNBA League

The Elba Jr.NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, continued its season last week with games in six divisions.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

WARRIORS 25 HEAD-START 14 - The Warriors pulled out to a big early lead and coasted to a 25-14 win over Headstart, in Boys 6 and Under action. The Warriors jumped out to an 18-7 lead in the opening quarter and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Warriors were Avery Hanchey 10, Chase Nelson 3, Romello Jones 3, Erick Davis 2, Trinton Smith 2, Jamal Smith 2, Quinton Bryan 2 and Gavin Caldwell 1. Scoring for Headstart were Walter Craighen 5, Tony Daniels 4, Kendre Johnson 3 and Isaiah Donaldson 2.

SPARKS 38 LADY REBS 5 - The Sparks made it look easy in a 38-5 win over the Lady Rebs, in Girls 12 and Under action.

The Sparks pulled out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back to claim the win. Scoring for the Sparks were Travone Craighead 11, Courtney Wise 6, Kei-Auna Edwards 6, Kim Perdue 6, Bethany Wilson 5, Molly McGuire 2 and Belinda Pitt 2. Scoring for the Lady Rebs were Hillary Davis 4 and Marlie Falls 1.

SIXERS 16 SONICS 9 - The

Sixers pulled away in the second half to slide past the Sonics 16-9, in Boys 8 and Under action. The Sixers led only 5-3 after one quarter, but outscored the Sonics 7-2 in the second half to pull away and claim the win.

Scoring for the Sixers were Caleb Martin 4, Griffin Martin 3, Kyson Edwards 3, Nick Green 2, Logan Bailey 2 and Bradley Weeks 2. Scoring for the Sonics were Denzell Thomas 5 and Reid Rials 4.

CLIPPERS 27 KNICKS 16 - The Clippers pulled ahead in the second quarter and slowly pulled away to down the Knicks 27-16, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Clippers held a slim 10-8 lead at the half, but pulled away in the second half to post the win. Scoring for the Clippers were Sage Kelley 9, Tyler Anderson 8, KeAnthony Newson 6 and Chase Sauls 4. Scoring for the Knicks were Jeffery Wright 6, Jake Carney 4, Waylon Craighead 4 and Thomas Cole 2.

SPARKS 32 LIBERTY 17 - The Sparks pulled ahead early and never looked back in a big 32-17 win over the Liberty, in Girls 12 and Under action. The Sparks jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the opening stanza and pulled away to claim the win. Scoring for the Sparks were Kim Perdue 12, Kei-Auna Edwards 6, Bethany Wilson 4, Belinda Pitt 4, Courtney Wise 4 and Travone Craighead 2. Scoring for the Liberty were Jacquetta Whitfield 7 and Travana Solomon 2.

SONICS 17 JAZZ 2 - The

Sonics made it look easy in a 17-2 win over the Jazz, in Boys 8 and Under action. The Sonics pulled out to a 9-0 lead in the third quarter and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Sonics were Denzell Thomas 8, Reid Rials 6 and Ty Stewart 3. Scoring for the Jazz were Miguel Banks 1 and David Bryant 1.

Claim two big wins

Lady Gamecocks grab area spotlight

BOYS

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Wildcats 70-53

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters last Tuesday night before falling to the highly-ranked Florida Wildcats 70-53, in Kinston. Josh Reeves scored 17 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Maurice Hobbs scored 12 points to lead the Wildcats.

Brantley Bulldogs zap Zion Chapel 84-44

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy last Tuesday night by rolling to an 84-44 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, at Zion Chapel. Kevin Pitts scored 22 points to lead Brantley, while Derrick Weeks added 21, Thad Frazier 14 and Jeffery Daniels 12. Luke Taylor scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while Abe Childs and Austin Smith both added 11.

New Brockton falls to G.W. Long 65-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Skipperville last Tuesday night and suffered a 65-44 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Paul Johnson scored 16 points and Brett Parrish added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Tim Hunt scored 18 points to lead the Rebels.

New Brockton rolls over Zion Chapel 57-46

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted a big county win Friday night by rolling past the Zion Chapel Rebels 57-46, at Zion Chapel. Brett Parrish scored 19 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Dee Finley added 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Alex McNair scored 8 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Josh Smith led the Rebels with 21 points.

Brantley avoids Eagle trap in narrow 60-58 win

The Brantley Bulldogs avoided some last-second heroics Friday night to sneak past the Pleasant Home Eagles 60-58, in Brantley. Kevin Pitts scored 18 points and hit the game winning three-pointer with 08 left on the clock to lead the Bulldogs, while Derrick Weeks added 16 points and Jeffery Daniels scored 12. Adam Copeland and Ivan Edgar both scored 23 points to lead Pleasant Home.



New Brockton's Yameka Hall (34) looks for a teammate in recent basketball action. The Lady Gamecocks posted two wins last week to reach the 10 win mark for the season. (Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

GIRLS

Lady Bulldogs no match for Florida 52-38

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs found the going a little too tough last Tuesday night in a 52-38 loss to the Florida Lady Wildcats, in Kinston. Ramsi Smith scored 12 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Rebels ambush Lady Bulldogs 45-36

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels ambushed the Brantley Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday night at the Rebel gym and escaped with a 45-36 win. Inessa Wambles scored 22 points to lead the Lady Rebels to the big area win.

Lady Gamecocks upset Lady Rebels 48-38

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks gained a measure of revenge for an earlier loss last Tuesday night by surprising the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 48-38, in Skipperville. Brandy Brantley scored 12 points and

Whitfield 9, Travana Solomon 4, Keyawne Gavin 2 and Shae Sams 2. SIXERS 24 SONICS 8 - The Sixers pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to defeat the Sonics 24-8, in Boys 8 and Under action. The Sixers owned a 5-0 lead after one quarter and pulled away to claim the big win. Scoring for the Sixers were Kyson Edwards 9, Nick Green 6, Caleb Martin 5 and Griffin Martin 4. Scoring for the Sonics were Denzell Thomas 3, Reid Rials 3, John Gray 1 and Ty Stewart 1.

LADY REBS 10 LIBERTY 9 - The Lady Rebs rallied in the second half to sneak past the Liberty 10-9, in Girls 12 and Under action. The Lady Rebs trailed 5-0 at the half, but broke loose late and poured in 10 points in the second half to claim the win. Scoring for the Lady Rebs were Kelli Behrens 2, Paige Gibson 2, Erin Dismukes 2, Michelle Downing 2 and Kayla Bagwell 2. Scoring for the Liberty were Jacquetta Whitfield 7 and Travana Solomon 2.

SONICS 17 JAZZ 2 - The Sonics made it look easy in a 17-2 win over the Jazz, in Boys 8 and Under action. The Sonics pulled out to a 9-0 lead in the third quarter and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Sonics were Denzell Thomas 8, Reid Rials 6 and Ty Stewart 3. Scoring for the Jazz were Miguel Banks 1 and David Bryant 1.



Elba Lady Tigers Whitney Lawford (10), Ashley Carpenter (14) and YoYo Reynolds (34) apply defensive pressure as a Goshen player tries to get open to receive a pass. The Lady Tigers updated their record to 11-9 with a 29-27 win over the Lady Eagles, last Friday night in Goshen.

End area play with 3-3 record

Elba Lady Tigers win one and lose one in exciting week of action on court

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week and posted one win and one loss as their record moved to 11-9 on the season. Following are highlights from last week's action:

H. HOME 42

ELBA 40

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally and cut a 12-point deficit in half to lead only two points in the closing seconds, but fell one basket short of pulling off the upset as they lost the Lady Squadron 42-40, last Tuesday night in Elba.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a basket by YoYo Reynolds and combined an aggressive defense with the scoring of Reynolds and Ashleigh Waddail to pull out to a 12-6 lead after one quarter of play. Highland Home scored the first eight points of the second quarter to jump on top 14-12, but the Lady Tigers never backed down and regained the lead at 23-20 late in the half on an inside basket by Ashleigh Waddail.

The Lady Tigers went in at the half trailing 24-23, but regained the lead at 26-24 early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by LaFondra Thigpen and held the lead until late in the stanza. Highland Home went on a 12-0 run late in the third quarter and early in the fourth to take a big 40-28 advantage and

appeared to be in command. Elba's Ashleigh Waddail, scored on a jumper from the corner with 6:30 left in the fourth quarter to snap a six minute scoring drought for the Lady Tigers, and Elba promptly went on a 10-2 run to pull within 42-40 with :09 remaining on a three-pointer by Whitney Lawford. Highland Home missed a free-throw with only four seconds left on the clock to give Elba hope, but alertly grabbed its own rebound and ran out the clock as Elba suffered the 42-40 defeat.

Ashleigh Waddail scored 14 points and LaFondra Thigpen added 12 to lead Elba, while Ladrenis Arrington and Amanda Dunn both scored 16 points to lead Highland Home.

HH 6 18 10 8 - 42
EL 12 11 5 12 - 40

H. Home (42): Shepard 4, Arrington 16, Merriweather 6, Dunn 16.

Elba (40): Thigpen 12, Waddail 14, Reynolds 5, Carpenter 4, Lawford 5.

ELBA 29

GOSHEN 27

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the week's action on Friday night in Goshen and survived a late Goshen rally to sneak past the Lady Eagles 29-27.

Elba grabbed an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Ashley Carpenter, but the Lady Tigers didn't score again for over four

minutes in the slow-paced contest and after one quarter of play Goshen owned an 8-5 advantage. Goshen upped its lead to 11-5 early in the second quarter, but Elba's LaFondra Thigpen scored two quick baskets midway through the quarter and Whitney Lawford scored the final four points of the half as the Lady Tigers rallied and trailed only 15-13 at the break. Goshen regained command early in the third quarter and moved ahead 19-13 with 6:14 left in the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers picked up the pace midway through the quarter and behind the play of LaFondra Thigpen and Whitney Lawford closed the quarter with a 10-0 run to grab a 23-19 lead. LaFondra Thigpen scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to give Elba a 27-19 lead, but the Lady Tigers scored only two points the remainder of the stanza and had to hold on late to post the narrow 29-27 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Whitney Lawford added 6.

E 5 8 10 6 - 29
G 8 7 4 8 - 27

Elba (29): Thigpen 14, Reynolds 5, Lawford 6, Carpenter 2, Tyson 2.

Goshen (27): Russell 8, Thomas 7, White 5, Christian 7.

Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Grubbing for winter bass

Few artificial baits have affected bass fishing in such a positive way, as has the plastic worm. It comes in a variety of lengths, sizes and colors to suit every fisherman and fisher's taste. A lot of cousins of the plastic worm have been created since its invention, the plastic grub being one.

Tom Man came out with a line of grubs with a long flat tail in the 1960s that offered more action than some live bait. These grubs were dynamite when it came to catching bass. Anglers started attaching these new plastic grubs to their spined baits for added action.

It wasn't long before anglers were threading these slinky tailed grubs on lead head jigs. Fish loved this combination and manufacturers had a hard time keeping tackle shops supplied. Jigs that once had hair or feathers were now sporting the long tailed grubs with much more action.

One reason for the success of the jig/grub combination was this combination's ability to mimic a baitfish feeding along the bottom. Grubs really turn bass on when the rod tip is raised and the jig/grub combination is allowed to flutter back to the bottom.

Grubs are ideal for winter fishing because they are effective when fished slowly. A bass's metabolism slows down during winter, making the small, slow moving grub appealing to the lethargic bass. Grubs are effective anytime, but from fall to early spring they are excellent bait. Bass are often hanging around gravel bars and rock drop offs this time of year. A grub fished in a slow up and down retrieve will tempt even cold water fish.

Bass often won't chase large bait during the winter months, but a curly tailed grub fished on a split-shot rig can get their attention. Thread a grub on a

straight shank hook, as an off set hook will not allow the bait to "track". Attach a split-shot about two feet above the bait and add a barrel swivel ahead of the weight to minimize line twist. This method can be deadly on bass and other species down to 20 feet or so.

Grubs are more effective if conditions will allow the use of a large open hook. In weeds or brush, a weedless hook rig is effective, but the strike-hookup ratio will usually be less. Good quality hooks with a sharp point and a low-bait are especially important in grub fishing.

A grub can be deadly when fished alone, rigged Texas style. If one needs to get deep, add a sinker and a glass head in front of a worm hook. A grub rigged this way with the point imbedded in the plastic is ideal for fishing heavy cover where an open hooked rig hangs up.

